

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets, corresponding to original sheets 2, 6, 8, 9 and 13-16, make changes to Figs. 2, 5, 6 and 8-11.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (8)

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-12, 14-16 and 29-35 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-12, 14 and 16 are amended to clarify the recited features, and claims 29-35 are added. The specification also is amended by the attached substitute specification. A marked-up copy of the specification also is attached. No new matter is added. Claims 2, 7, 9, 13 and 17-28 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the Abstract. The objection is obviated by the amendments made to the Abstract in the substitute specification.

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5). The objection is obviated by the attached replacement drawing sheets.

The Office Action rejects claims 21, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The rejection of canceled claims 21, 27 and 28 is moot.

The Office Action rejects claims 22-28 under 35 U.S.C. §101. The rejection of canceled claims 22-28 is moot.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. §101. The rejection of canceled claims 2, 7, 9, 13 and 17-28 is moot. The rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-12 and 14-16 is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-12, 14 and 16 are amended to clarify the recited method and system, such that these claims are not directed merely to an "instruction signal" per se. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 13-18 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Oross, U.S. Patent No. 6,757,002 B1. The rejection of canceled claims 2, 9, 13,

17, 18 and 21-23 is moot. The rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 14-16 is respectfully traversed.

Oross does not disclose any feature that can reasonably be considered to correspond to the method or system as recited in independent claims 1 and 8. Specifically, Oross teaches no feature that can reasonably be considered to correspond to detecting one or multiple input movements using a sensing panel associated with the computing system and classifying each detected input movement as being of a particular type, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 8.

Oross discloses a track pad input device for a computer, the track pad including a touch area capable of sensing position for providing on screen cursor motion control and other functions (see Abstract). The track pad in Oross detects an input and forwards a control signal indicative of the finger position to the host computing apparatus (see col. 4, lines 62-67). Oross discloses that operation of a track pad can include detecting specific movement patterns and finger combinations (see col. 1, lines 34-36). However, Oross does not classify each detected movement as a particular type. Furthermore, Oross requires multiple different touch surfaces to be dedicated to different functions, not one touch surface (see Fig. 2 and col. 5, lines 52-54). Therefore, Oross does not disclose, nor would it have suggested, a method with all of the features recited in independent claim 1, and the structure recited in independent claim 8. Therefore, independent claims 1 and 8 and their dependent claims are patentable over Oross. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 4-7, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Oross in view of Geaghan et al. (Geaghan), U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0063073 A1; rejects claims 11, 12, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Oross in view of Umeya et al. (Umeya) U.S. Patent No. 6,028,581; and rejects claims 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Oross in view of Geaghan, and further in view of Liao, U.S. Patent No. 6,633,865. The

rejections of canceled claims 7, 19, 20 and 24-28 are moot. The rejections of claims 4-6, 11 and 12 are respectfully traversed.

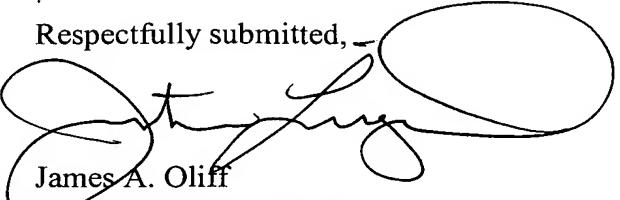
Because claims 4-6, 11 and 12 incorporate the features of independent claims 1 and 8, respectively, and because Geaghan, Umeya and Liao fail to overcome the deficiencies of Oross, these claims also are patentable over the applied references for at least these reasons, as well as for the additional features that these claims recite. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Added claims 29-35 also are patentable over the applied references.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Enclosures:

- Petition for Extension of Time
- Replacement Sheets (8)
- Replacement Specification (clean copy and marked-up copy)

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